

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT
1132 Bishop Street Building Conference Room
Honolulu, HI 96813

July 19, 2007

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

Total attendance: 26

RegFair Board in attendance 01

SBA personnel 05

Agencies attending 04 (IRS, DOL, OSHA, WHD, EPA, USDA-FSIS)

No. of comments 03

Organization	Contact	Membership
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii	Jim Tollefson, Bryna Stankiewicz	1,100
Small Business Hawaii	Sam Slom	2,000
NFIB	Melissa Pavlicek	200
Building Industry Association of Hawaii	Wendy Nakano, Karen Nakamura,	1,260
Dept. of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Ted Liu, Tom Smyth	0
Filipino Chamber of Commerce	Steve Callo, Jack	240
Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce	Vivian Landrum	540
Kauai Chamber of Commerce	Randy Francisco	580
Maui Chamber of Commerce	Pamela Tumpap	750
Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce	Yvonne Hortillo	300
Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce	Andrew Poepoe	75
Pacific Export Council	Carol Ann Dickson, Piia Aarma	15
Hawaii Science and Technology Council	Cynthia Gibson, Jay Fidell	80
Hawaii Restaurant Association	Gail Chew	750
BNI (Business Networking Institute)	Joann Seery	300
African American Commerce & Industry Council	Delores Gutman	40
Hawaii Venture Capital Association	Bill Spencer	80
City and County of Honolulu Office of Economic Development	Alenka Remec	0
Hawaii SBDC Network	Center Directors	4
SCORE	Diana Jackson	40
Hawaii District Advisory Board	Jane Sawyer	16
General Contractors Association		1,500
	Totals:	9,870

Summary:

Testifiers:

1. Walter Chun, President, OSHCON, Inc.

U. S. Navy – Walter Chun, head of a management consulting firm, testified on the lack of accountability of Federal Government officials in the Federal contracting arena which has resulted in the destruction of small businesses that enter into contracts with the Federal government.

2. Terry Metcalf, President/CEO, Metcalf Construction Company, Inc.

U. S. Navy – Mr. Metcalf has operated his business for more than 25 years and testified about the destruction to his business caused by the incompetence and retaliatory conduct of the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Kaneohe Military Base.

3. Irwin Cockett, President, HBC Management Services, Inc. (also testified on behalf of The Hana Group, Inc.)

SBA, Office of Business Development: Irwin Cockett testified on behalf of HBC Management Services, Inc. and The Hana Group, which are 8(a) certified companies owned by Hui O Hana Pono Company, a Native Hawaiian Organization. The testimony centered around the lengthy, costly and time consuming process to obtain a decision from SBA Headquarters on mentor protégé agreements which has resulted in damage to the reputations and of the Hana Group and HBC Management Services and lost business opportunities. The Hana Group's request was submitted by the Hawaii District Office to the Office of Business Development in January 2007. The company was subjected to four separate investigations during the review process which were unrelated to the mentor protégé request. On June 25, 2007, The Hana Group was notified that its request was denied. None of the reasons related to the separate investigations undertaken by SBA on the company. In February 2007, the Hawaii District Office submitted HBC Management Services' request to have IBM as a mentor to SBA's Headquarters. The company has not received a response from SBA Headquarters due to investigations undertaken on The Hana Group.